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## Thanks for a great year!



# Letter from the Editor

Dear Reader,

When you're named editor of the *Retrospect*, one of the first tasks you try to accomplish is picking a theme for the publication. Last year, my colleague and mentor Angi Sada chose "2005-06: All the pieces came together" and developed a wonderful puzzle-piece motif for the entire issue. The year before, Crystal R. Reid, who was the person responsible for getting me my first



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byline, went with the phrase, "A proud year for UNO's 2004-2005 students." The bar was set high. Yet, struggling with the challenge, about all I could provide my staff with was "change." I would then mumble a few incoherent things about UNO's "metropolitan vision" and how I thought the university was maturing. But, I never did figure out an appropriate theme the 2006-07 year.

This troubled me for a while, until I could actually leaf through this year's *Retrospect* and see the stories leap out at me from its pages. While the news carried serious stories about murder (pg. 9) and sexual assaults (pg. 12), budget controversies (pg. 5) and impeachments (pg. 13), there were still predictable and "normal" stories about homecoming (pg. 24), conference championships (pgs. 41 & 50) and the wonderful art (pg. 24), music (pg. 25) and theatre productions (pg. 27) on campus.

It was this contrast between growing pains and Maverick traditions that made me realize what this year was all about: Moving forward, overcoming adversity and solving the unenviable problems that arise when trying to do something great.

Which brings me back to the "metropolitan vision," the crown jewel of UNO's strategic planning and the central idea that unites campus projects. Simply put, the university wants to transform UNO from a commuter campus to a full-fledged metropolitan institution. This means more traditional students, more dorms, more parking (thank goodness) and, most importantly, fostering a distinct, identifiable campus culture.

In other words, the university is serious about its recent Maverick Mojo ad campaign. They really want each of us to "Be a Mav."

This situation put this year's students in the unique position of helping to define what a Mav was, what sort of people make up UNO's diverse student body and what we value as members of a community, not just an academic institution.

I believe this is an incredible opportunity and every UNO student, whether you are graduating or just enrolling, should feel proud to be part of the process.

For my part, though, there is one thing we need emphasize more on this campus, and that is *fun*. Even though the vast majority – 87 percent of freshmen, 94 percent of seniors – of UNO students work on top of academics, it's still important to find time to have a little fun, whether it's at work, doing homework or relaxing with friends during those precious moments of free time.

So, from me and the rest of *Retrospect* staff, may everyone have a relaxing, enjoyable summer and, for those of you not lucky enough to be graduating just yet, we hope that you please bring that sense of fun back to camps with you next fall.

Yours,

- Scott Stewart

illustration by Patrick Doty





# Summer's brutal budgeting controversies change face of campus athletics, administration

It started with the elimination of five positions in the UNO Athletic Department. But, before it was over, last summer's athletic controversy would claim the jobs of a vice chancellor, chancellor and athletic director as well as result in the restructuring of much of the campus administration.

## 'Black Tuesday'

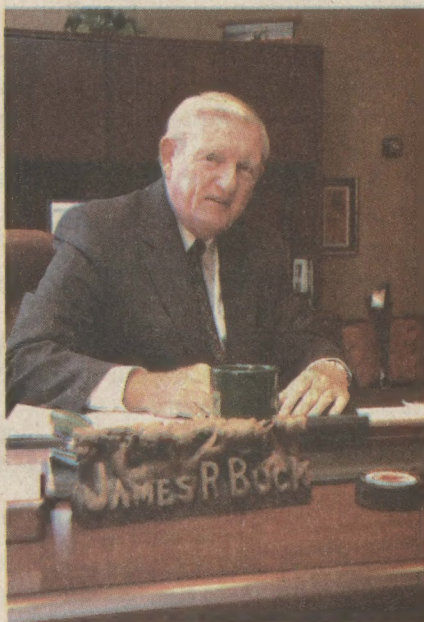
On June 20, five Athletic Department employees – Associate Athletic Director Deb Denbeck, Assistant Sports Information Director Michael Kros, Clerical Assistant Sue Larson, Assistant Men's Basketball Coach Mitch Mosser and Assistant Women's Basketball Coach Brad Schick – were laid off following a \$440,000 reduction in the athletic program's 2005-06 budget.

Chancellor Nancy Belck issued a statement on June 28 comparing the job cuts and corresponding budget crunch to difficulties faced by the program in other periods of "transition and realignment."

"UNO's athletic program must also live with its means, aligning its budget to coincide with the realities of revenue, donor support and increased costs related to the Qwest Center for hockey," Belck said.



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## Conference challenges

Within 24 hours of the layoffs, another blow came to Maverick athletics: The announcement by the University of North Dakota that they would be leaving the North Central Conference to play Division I sports.

Adding insult to injury, that same day University of South Dakota President James W. Abbott announced the formation of a committee to review USD's division and conference options, according to a statement on the Coyotes' Web site, usdcoyotes.com.

Initially, Belck announced that UNO would not follow USD by exploring the Mav's classification. However, following a letter from booster clubs stating they "no longer have faith" in UNO's administration, Belck announced a classification study as a "summer project" on June 30.

## Revenue shortfalls

UNO's budget woes stemmed from a budget that had gone unbalanced

since the Mavericks moved hockey to the Qwest Center in 2003.

"We depleted the athletic reserves initially," said then-Associate Vice Chancellor for Administration Julie Totten in July. "Then we put in \$1 million of UNO reserves in 2004-05, and then, for the current year, we're looking at a \$1 million shortfall again."

Then-Athletic Director David Herbster blamed part of the budget problems on the burden placed on athletics to earn its own money.

"We are generating the lion's share of our budget," Herbster said in June. "For the most part, [among] the schools in our conference next to North Dakota, we are responsible for raising the most money in our conference."

Totten and Belck both said the \$440,000 in cuts that resulted in the five job eliminations were a component of their plan to balance the budget, and neither expected any additional cuts.

## Outside pressure

While trying to juggle the problems of balancing its budget and predict the future of the NCC, UNO came under increased criticism from outside groups, especially the athletic boosters.

On June 25, the biggest football booster organization, the Maverick Beef Club, called on its members to withhold donations in response to the budget cuts. Later, prominent boosters David Sokol and Lee Sapp also announced they would not make any commitments to the Mavs until an audit was conducted.

In a post entitled "UNO Administration a Circus" at huskermike.blogger.com, one blogger said what seemed to be on everyone's mind by mid-July: "This is a firestorm

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that is simply not going away.”

In the public arena, Beef Club President Ben Titus did not shy away from being critical of the situation.

“How do you keep something so confidential for such a long period of time, right up until the point where it’s not fixable, and then [announce] you’re going to fire people?” Titus asked in August.

### Robbing Peter

As if the situation was not bad enough, a report came out from the *Omaha World-Herald* on July 21 that then-Vice Chancellor for Administration Jim Buck had been given a compensation package that included a lease on a Cadillac – \$713 per month – and membership to the Omaha Country Club – \$440 per month. Both were paid with Athletic Department funds.

On Aug. 15, Buck resigned amidst new discoveries by the *World-Herald* that more than \$100,000 had been spent over four years for “Buck-related expenses.” These expenses included Omaha Press Club dues, satellite radio subscription, travel expenses for non-athletic university business, travel expenses for his wife and even a \$500 donation at a Maverick golf fundraiser.

“He said to me, ‘Maybe I can no longer be effective here.’ I think things were just continually heating up,” Belck said after the announcement. “[He] handled a lot of the operations [within athletics].”



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But, when it became difficult for him to continue to do that because of folks in athletics not liking what he was doing, some described him as a lightning rod.”

### Karnes commission

On Sept. 9, former U.S. Senator David Karnes presented his preliminary recommendations to the NU Board of Regents, suggesting that the university stay Division II and try to join the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, among other recommendations.

Karnes had been charged by the regents to look into solutions for the Maverick budget deficits.

“It’s a business, and the Athletic Department has to view this as a business,” Karnes told the regents.

### Ripple effects

On Sept. 12, the controversy claimed its next casualty with the resignation of Chancellor Belck.

“I think [Belck] made the right call. She was not in the position to lead the campus right now,” said NU President James B. Milliken in a conference call the next morning.

Belck’s resignation was accompanied by an admission that she altered an expense record provided to the *World-Herald* regarding a \$1,263 dinner at the 2004 NCAA convention, appending “select NCAA Division II staff” to a list of eight diners.

Belck told the *Gateway* that, along with several advisors, she made about 15 edits to expense records. She maintained that nothing done to the reports was in bad faith.

Following Belck’s resignation, then-Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs John Christensen was named interim chancellor, and a search committee was set up by the university in the spring to search for Belck’s permanent replacement. At press time, the search committee had not made any announcements regarding

possible candidates, but a decision was expected by the end of the summer.

On Nov. 27, Athletic Director David Herbster decided to follow suit, announcing his resignation as a result of his “diminished ability to lead” following the summer’s controversy.

“I think David [Herbster] is really an example of collateral damage from all the goings on this summer,” Christensen said. “In a way, I think this is an ending with respect to the ... summer situation. That beginning started in September. We are going to move forward. Summer is history.”



### Looking forward

Even before Herbster’s resignation, the university has focused on rebuilding its programs and sorting out the administrative holes left by the loss of several prominent personalities.

On Nov. 1, Robert and Marcia Kruger pledged \$1 million to UNO athletics to help start the healing process.

“I think it’s a fantastic gift at a very important time,” Christensen said. “We have taken care of the internal controls such that people feel comfortable reinvesting in the university.”

Still, a lot of work remains to be done and the university will not soon forget the troubles it saw in the summer maelstrom.

“I think the athletic department will have to work very, very hard to improve its reputation,” said Lindsey Koster, a senior accounting major. “It seems they are making a start, but it will take a lot of time to correct the situation.”

Staff writers Jason Glenn, Angi Sada and April Burress contributed to this report.

- Scott Stewart



# Edwards found guilty of murdering sophomore



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Jessica O'Grady, a UNO student, was last seen May 10, 2006. And on March 31, 20-year-old Christopher Edwards was found guilty of murdering her.

O'Grady, a sophomore teacher education major, was last reportedly seen on her way to Edwards' residence

last May. That summer Edwards was charged with the second-degree murder of O'Grady with a weapon other than a firearm after investigators found blood in his room while carrying out a search warrant.

The warrant detailed the evidence that was collected, including his mattress and DNA evidence found on his walls, ceiling and floor.

During a later search, two Bangkok battle swords were also collected. One of which, prosecutors said during the trial, was the murder weapon.

In the trial, which began

March 19, the prosecution relied heavily on large amounts of DNA evidence and the unlikely odds the blood could have belonged to anyone other than O'Grady.

Despite the guilty verdict, O'Grady's body has not been found.

During closing arguments, Douglas County Prosecutor

Leigh Ann Retelsdorf said O'Grady was the victim of a "forceful repetitive violence, which caused her blood to go from one room to another."

Steve Lefler, one of Edwards' attorneys, defended his client by telling jurors that "the state is asking you do something a doctor can't do: asking you to say [O'Grady] is dead."

Edwards will be sentenced May 25 and faces 21 years to life. The bittersweet relief for the family and friends of O'Grady was echoed by Shauna Stanzel, O'Grady's aunt who raised her, after the verdict.

"This has been an arduous 10-month journey for our family and this part of the journey, the legal battle of it, all has come to an end," Stanzel said. "We will still continue to look for Jessica; there are no winners here. Jessica is still dead. She's not in our family; she's not with her friends. We will continue to look for her."

- Taylor H. Muller



Michelle Bishop



# Collegiate Readership Program brings news, fee increase to UNO students

Student government recently passed legislation that will increase student fees in order to fund the Collegiate Readership Program on campus beginning in the fall of 2007.

The Collegiate Readership Program, which was piloted between Jan. 8 and Feb. 2 of this year, makes free copies of *USA Today*, the *New York Times* and the *Omaha World-Herald* available to UNO students.

The Student Activities Budget Commission partnered with *USA Today* and other organizations for the pilot. SABC administered surveys at the beginning and end of the five-week pilot to determine a student demand for

continuing the program on campus.

"It was becoming successful," said James Hulstein, former student government

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president, in the Feb. 13 edition of the *Gateway*. "On one of the days, there was a glitch where one of the trucks wasn't able to deliver its paper at 6 a.m. – it was more like 9 [a.m.] – but 10 students came into the office, up in arms asking where the papers were."

The surveys showed a student demand that convinced SABC to continue the program.

On Feb. 26 they voted to approve a \$4 increase in student fees per semester in order to allocate funds to continue the program.

Some students think the increase in student fees is justified and the program will encourage more students to

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illustration by Michelle Bishop

## Criss Library smoking ban: Just the beginning?

In an opinion section of the student government elections

last October, 71 percent of voters approved a smoking ban under the covered walkway on the south side of the Criss Library.

In late November, the Chancellor's Cabinet listened to the students and approved a preliminary smoking ban for the walkway.

Receptacles were placed at each end of the boardwalk so smokers could snuff out their cigarettes before entering the passage. "No smoking" signs were also hung around the area warning

smokers not to light up.

So far students seem to be reacting positively to the ban since it was introduced in January.

"We really haven't had to enforce it," Criss Library Dean Steve Shorb said. "Most students are just complying anyway."

Shorb also said if students want to smoke, they can do so in front of the lower south door.

"It's a little more out of the way and easier to maintain [outside the south doors]," he said.

As for keeping the ban on the walkway, "It is permanent, but anything is possible if students go through student government," Shorb said.

- Drew Hanson



Patrick Doty



# Regent impeachment upheld by state supreme court

An NU regent was removed from his office by the state of Nebraska last summer in the midst of a controversy surrounding his campaign finance violations.

Former Regent David Hergert of Mitchell, Neb., was impeached by the Nebraska Legislature by a 25-22 vote on April 12, 2006. Hergert had 10 articles of impeachment drafted against him by the Unicameral, including "falsely swearing his oath of office," "violating

The root of Hergert's missteps was his failure to make required campaign finance reports to the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission. This oversight resulted in his opponent, Don Black of McCook, Neb., not receiving matching public funds guaranteed by election laws.

To avoid criminal charges, Hergert settled with the NADC and agreed to pay \$33,512.10 in late filing fees and civil penalties. But, by this point, many were already calling for his resignation.

When Hergert refused to resign, campaigns continued to call for his resignation. Members of the legislature called for his removal and various groups,

such as UNL-based Huskers Against Hergert, began a public dialogue over the regent's refusal to leave office.


Eventually, the controversy came to a head when the legislature voted to impeach Hergert and the matter was sent to the state supreme court.

"The legislature went into great detailed work about the case," Board of Regents Chairman Jim McClurg said. "Although he was a fine regent, the issue was inappropriate."

Eventually, Nebraska Supreme Court found Hergert guilty on July 7 of two of the 10 articles of impeachment, "falsely reporting the date of a material expenditure on his Jan. 11, 2005, campaign statement" and "obstructing government operations by falsely reporting ... in



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## Excavation of biblical city celebrates 20th anniversary

This school year marked the 20th anniversary of the Bethsaida excavation project sponsored by UNO and led by Rami Arav, an assistant professor of history. Arav also detailed the important biblical connections of Bethsaida. Some believe it to be the birthplace of three of Jesus' apostles, he said. It is also believed to be the place where Jesus performed many of his major miracles, such as walking on the Sea of Galilee and feeding the multitudes.

Arav, who also teaches philosophy and religion, began the excavation in 1987. Initially, Arav conducted a 10-day investigation of "Et-Tel," the mound believed to be Bethsaida. His goal was to observe and determine if the mound was indeed an ancient city.

Arav's excavations at Bethsaida revealed the city was settled in the 10th century B.C.E., when it was believed to have been part of the Aramaean kingdom of Geshur.

In a lecture last November, Arav explained that Bethsaida was destroyed and reconstructed many times before being abandoned because of major geological

catastrophes, which caused the waters of the Sea of Galilee to recede. The city slowly faded away when the water shortage caused most of its fishermen to relocate. Arav also detailed the important biblical connections of Bethsaida. Some believe it to be the birthplace of three of Jesus' apostles, he said. It is also believed to be the place where Jesus performed many of his major miracles, such as walking on the Sea of Galilee and feeding the multitudes.

"The Bible simply comes alive when you look at these things," Arav said in his lecture.

Scholarships are available for students who are interested in participating at Bethsaida. For more information, visit [www.unomaha.edu/bethsaida](http://www.unomaha.edu/bethsaida).

- Ashlee Schuette

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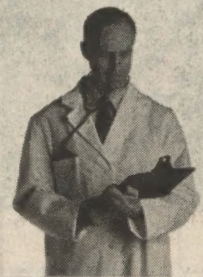
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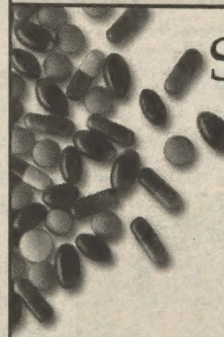
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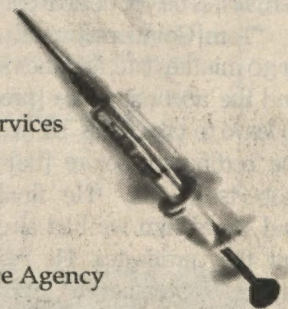
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- Should your family or friends need to have an emergency message delivered while you are in class or on campus, have them contact Campus Security. Emergency messages will be delivered in case of a medical emergency or a matter of life or death.

### Personal Escorts

- The escort service is available 24-7 for individuals on campus. Contact Campus Security to arrange for an escort.

### Emergency Procedures

- The University emergency number is 554-2911.
- There are telephones on campus that can be used to report an emergency.

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- Should you witness a crime in progress, or other emergency, use the campus emergency number 4-2911.

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- Disruptive behavior on campus will not be tolerated. Threats or acts of violence should be reported to Campus Security. If the act appears to represent an immediate threat or harm to an individual, it should be reported at once to Campus Security or 911.

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- Faculty and staff should assist with room and building evacuations, and be aware of those needing special assistance. All students should become familiar with the designated rally points for their buildings, which are listed on the Campus Security website [www.unomaha.edu/security](http://www.unomaha.edu/security) under "Emergency Procedures."

### Alert System

- A system to help facilitate emergency communications has been installed on the north and south campus. Announcements are distributed from Campus Security to building public address systems or speakers located in building corridors. When announcements are made, strobe lights will flash to notify the hearing impaired to seek assistance.
- The system will be particularly helpful during tornado warnings. The announcement will alert building occupants to seek shelter and again later when the warning has ended. The alert system also can be used to announce University closings, confirm evacuations for fire or chemical release or other emergency conditions.
- More information on campus emergency procedures can be found on the Campus Security website.

### Parking & Traffic

- Shuttle service is provided from the South Campus lots 5, 6, 7 and 9 – permit required.
- Remote parking is provided from the Crossroads Mall Parking Structure at 72 and Cass Streets – no permit required.
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- Blue Light Emergency Phones are located throughout campus. Use the phones to report emergencies or contact Campus Security for assistance.

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- The University is not responsible for personal property. Individuals are responsible for safeguarding their own property. Loss of personal property should be reported to Campus Security.

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- Incidents requiring immediate action include: fire, environmental spills, medical conditions, property damage, disruptive behavior and crimes in progress.
- Persons involved with or observing these types of incidents should call Campus Security at 554-2911. Campus Security will dispatch officers to the scene, and if required, contact 911.
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be moved to the student center game room.

The dorms, which will cost more than \$16 million in total fees, will add 384 beds to the campus. The \$11.8 million parking structure will add 900 new stalls.



courtesy

would cost \$38.6 million.

If approved, HPER will be equipped with a juice bar, more space for treadmills, 110 new parking stalls, a hot tub and spa area, more multi-use courts, and a revamped exterior including a towering glass entryway allowing for more natural lighting.

Student Health Services would also be moved to HPER after the renovation.

- Patrick Doty

**HPER addition, renovation**

The last project of the first round of 10-year plan developments is still in proposal stage.

The HPER renovation, which will be presented to the Board of Regents on April 20 for approval, would raise student fees by \$95 per semester. The project

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Freedom and Tenure Committee considered a complaint filed against 17 UNO administrators. These respondents included Belck, Christensen and Shelton Hendricks, dean of College of Arts and Sciences.

The committee initially dismissed the complaint, but agreed to consider an amended version submitted on July 31. The committee held hearings in secret until Aug. 3, and subsequently released a report to university administration regarding the complaint.

Regent Kent Schroeder, who holds a doctorate from the NU College of

Law, was assigned by the Board of Regents to look over the complaint. The regents decided to accept his recommendations during closed session at the end of the board's regularly scheduled meeting on Nov. 3.

They voted to not grant Owens a special appointment, ruling that documents produced during the reappointment process were "a legitimate expression of concern about the acceptability of Dr. Owen's pedagogical style and philosophy."

- Scott Stewart

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to guess" if the bill will move past the committee.

"There are many, many bills presented to the revenue committee, each requiring the same type

of tax cut," Burling said. "We have to see how many exemptions can be allowed and go from there."

- Patrick Doty

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his Jan. 11, 2005, campaign statement." The other eight charges were ruled moot.

Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman appointed Bob Phares of North Platte, Neb., to fill the vacancy on the

board left by Hergert. Phares won re-election to the seventh district, which encompasses much of western Nebraska, in November.

- Scott Stewart

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event programming and support services for UNO's gay and lesbian community.

"Hopefully, this will be something that the students, as a whole, can utilize throughout their college careers," Loseke said.

The agency was created following the inclusion of an

opinion question during student government's October elections, where a plurality of students (42.21 percent) supported the agency, 36.28 percent opposed it and more than 20 percent did not offer a response.

Despite these results, student government

did boast its highest voter turnout since 1999, when the organization went to electronic ballots.

Slightly more than 10 percent of the student body turned out, with 1,483 ballots cast, compared to 2005's meager 1,153 votes.

- Scott Stewart

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read the newspaper.

"What's \$4?" asked Mark Lindauer, a senior general studies major. "I think it's a good idea. I would certainly pick one up."

Creighton University, UNL and Nebraska Wesleyan University campuses have similar programs.

- April Burress



# Slowdown, Film Streams push forward for summer



*courtesy of Film Streams*

Construction may be going slower than planned, but the hype surrounding a new arts facility on 14th and Weber streets is picking up momentum.

Jason Kulbel of Saddle Creek Records said things are looking good for a summer grand opening of the indie music label's most ambitious project. The development will not only be a much-needed extension to the local arts scene, but also a much-needed addition to the new urban development north of downtown called "NoDo" (taking inspiration from the famous "SoHo" area of New York City).

The area will include an apartment complex, a bar/club, retail stores, the famous Lincoln hangout Yia-Yia's pizzeria and Slowdown, a highly anticipated music venue.

The facility is set to open in late May, leaving local music fans counting the days until the first show. Kulbel said it will be worth the wait.

"It will be a bit bigger than Sokol Underground and The Waiting Room, with a larger room and hence, larger projected capacity," he explained. "The sound and lighting are both top notch and it has a balcony, which will be nice."

Another anticipated aspect of the development is the two-screen Ruth Sokolof Theater, named after the long-time Omaha teacher.

The development is being spearheaded by Film Streams, a non-profit organization that was created just over two years ago to promote the presentation and discussion of film as an art form. The opening date for the facility was pushed back because of construction, but it is scheduled for an opening in late July.

One of the more interesting aspects of the theater will be the use of reel-to-reel projection on both screens. The reel-to-reel projection system will allow the theater to show older and rarer prints without fear of damaging the film.

"We were initially just going to have reel-to-reel projection for the smaller theatre," said Casey Logan, communications director for Film Streams. "It was a suggestion from Alexander Payne to have it in both theatres."

The organization also announced that Payne, a director and Omaha-native, will open the theater by showcasing his 10 favorite films during the first month.

"He is going to introduce and stick around for a few shows, depending on his schedule," said Logan.

Following the special series, the theater will begin showing first-run films for two-or-three week runs. This will allow for many different films to

be brought in and not replaced before people can see them.

"We want to keep films long enough so people can enjoy them," said Logan. "But we don't want to keep films so long that they prevent us from bringing in other films."

Logan also said the new theater is intended to help the local theater industry, rather than create competition.

"Our mission is to expand appreciation of film as an art form," he said. "If we can bring in a larger audience to independent film and documentaries, then I think it creates a larger community for those types of films."



*Michelle Bishop*

- Michael McManus



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## Department of music sounds off with successful year



Michelle Bishop

As Melissa Berke spoke about UNO's music department, her dark brown eyes seemed to sparkle with dancing music notes. In fact, it was nearly impossible for the interim chair of the music department to narrow down the highlights from

the past year. She began by speaking about the marching band—one of the department's most visible assets.

"We provide support for students that way," Berke said. "We perform at commencement, we perform at the fall convocation. Wherever [major] events are happening, usually music is taking place."

One of the new events the department of music co-hosted this year was ARTSaha! 2006. This multidisciplinary festival took place last September and was a celebration of theatre, music and

visual art. Berke said the event was a success, and plans are in place to help support the festival again this fall.

There were also many student accomplishments this season.

Juniors Erika Jeck and Anna Hall were selected to perform in the MidSouth Flute Festival, which took place at the University of Alabama in March. Senior Anna Speed was selected to play the cello in the Broadway production of "The Lion King," which performed at the Orpheum Theater Jan. 12 through Feb. 11.

In addition to numerous student accomplishments, the department received a new director of choral activities, Matthew Harden, from the University of South Dakota.

"He has done a marvelous job

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# Theatre season filled with diversity, adventure



courtesy of Tim Fitzgerald

Sometimes college life can be filled with drama, but for UNO's theatre department, it's an every day occurrence.

The 2006-07 theatre season finished just a few days ago with "Our Country's Good," directed by D. Scott Glasser. And, for a season with characters as different as a quixotic playwright and an undercover minimum-wage worker, Glasser said there was one word to describe all of the year's productions: adventuresome.

"There [are] personal quest adventures that the main characters of every play have gone on; it's interesting," he said. "All of the plays share that."

The Broadway musical "Man of La Mancha" started off the season in October. Written by Dale Wasserman and directed by Glasser, the play tells the story of author Miguel de Cervantes, played by Paul Coates, who is jailed during the Spanish Inquisition but doesn't allow his imagination to be imprisoned.

Throughout the play, Cervantes's imagination causes him to embody the literary legend Don Quixote as well as an old man named Alonso Quijana. Featuring flashy musical numbers and fighting scenes, "Man of La Mancha" proved to be an exciting opening to the season.

While not a main-stage production, three graduate students, Erin Mulvany, Bethany Elliot and Sarah Alden, all

respectively directed, designed and wrote a play called "The Ostrich Project," aimed specifically at second-graders to help them deal with grief. After touring several schools in Omaha, the play was performed at the American College Theatre Festival in January.

November also brought the Shakespeare classic, "Hamlet, Prince of Denmark," which was re-envisioned by director Cindy Melby Phaneuf. The play was modified to fit the predominantly female cast and cut down from its normal four-hour runtime, but was still full of excitement.

"The play began with a huge fencing match, and that really got the audience into the feel and generated a lot of adrenaline and excitement for the production," explained Sharon Sobel, chair of the theatre department.

February showcased the students of the theatre organization, FAUST, producing and performing a play by Nicky Silver called "Raised in Captivity." The play dealt with a sibling rivalry taken to the ultimate extreme over the course of their lifetimes.

The Joan Holden play "Nickel and Dime" was the first main-stage performance of 2007. The play was based on journalist Barbara Ehrenreich's non-fiction book of the same name about trying to survive on minimum wage in America. With a unique adaptation of the play, director Doug Paterson used ultimate fighting-themed sets and costumes to portray the daily struggles that minimum-wage workers face.

Up next was a student showcase production of Craig Lucas's "Reckless,"

which focused on a woman named Rachel, played by senior Ashley Spessard, who experiences a series of extremely unfortunate events around Christmas time. Directed by Amy Lane, the play ran for only three days before becoming UNO's first traveling show, touring for a pair of performances in Holdrege, Neb.

Finally, the season rounded out with "Our Country's Good," which dealt with the first penal colony in Australia and how the inmates banded together while putting on a performance to escape the harsh realities of their isolation.

Glasser, whose plays book-ended the season, explained that the past season was educational for both students and faculty.

"With any good theatre, it's about characters going on a journey to discover something about themselves and hopefully grow through the process," Sobel said.

And Glasser agreed. "That's the excitement; that's why we're here," he said.

- Charley Reed



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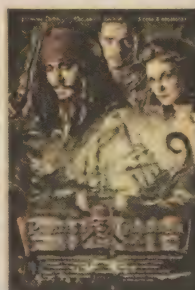
## Year in Review: Cinema



**Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan** caused riots on both sides of the Atlantic. The film's creator and star, Sacha Baron Cohen was denounced by the government of Kazakhstan and sued by the people his film made fun of. Despite the controversy, with earnings of \$260 million worldwide, Cohen's film was truly "great success."



**Children of Men**, **Pan's Labyrinth** and **Babel**, three of the most critically-acclaimed films of the year, were directed by a trio of friends called "The Three Amigos." Alfonso Cuarón, Guillermo del Toro and Alejandro González Iñárritu's films were nominated for a collective 16 Oscars at this year's awards. *Pan's Labyrinth* won three awards while *Babel* won one and *Children of Men* was shut out.



**The Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** was easily the most successful movie of the year. The sequel to 2003's surprise blockbuster hit opened with the biggest daily and weekend grosses in movie history. It ended its theatrical run by topping the \$1 billion mark worldwide, something only two other movies, *Titanic* and *Lord of the Rings: Return of the King*, have been able to do.



**The Departed** was a big winner at the box office and at many of the awards shows this season. In addition to racking up \$288 million worldwide during its theatrical run, the Martin Scorsese-directed film won four of the five Academy Awards it was nominated for, including Best Picture and Best Director. The win was Scorsese's first win in seven nominations for Best Director.

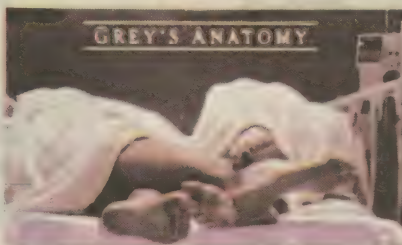
- Charley Reed

## Year in Review: Television



**Ugly Betty** is ABC's newest hit show. The comedy about a woman from a working class Latino family working at a fashion magazine in Manhattan won two Golden Globes this year for Best Actress (America Ferrera) and Best Comedy. *Ugly Betty* has been a beautiful addition to the primetime lineup.

**Grey's Anatomy** has taken over NBC's long-running series *ER* as the must-see doctor show on television. It was the winner of Best Drama at the Golden Globes this year and was



nominated in the same category at this year's Emmy Awards. Rumor has it that a spin-off is even in the works for this popular program.

**Faux news shows** like *The Colbert Report*, *SNL's Weekend Update* and FOX's new *The 1/2 Hour News Hour* are probably the fastest growing trend in television today. With people turning away from nightly news programs on the three major networks, cable news and stations like Comedy Central have been picking up the slack and the viewers.





# Facebook goes under knife, gets annual facelift

During the last year, the social networking Web site Facebook.com experienced massive changes, ranging from simple format tweaks to the addition of a mini-feed and news-feed, two controversial additions for the college Web site.

But, Facebook is no longer limited to college students. One of the bigger changes allows users to register region accounts. Previously, a university e-mail address was necessary for an account.

Facebook's creators defended these changes as the next step in the site's evolution.

"People generally use Facebook to get a sense of what's going on with the people around them and understand their world a little better," Mark Zuckerberg, CEO and

founder of the site, said during an online discussion in September.

"Up until last week, people had



to browse around the site and read through people's profiles to get a sense of all this, but with these new products we can surface a lot of that

information for people. It makes using Facebook a lot more efficient for seeing what's going on around you," he said.

These changes allowed for the site to fully realize its potential for college students, with the mini-feed providing a daily update on what's going on around campus. Sophomore education student Kate Jorgensen said these updates provide a much more campus-centric feel.

"I've actually noticed a lot more events on Facebook than I have seen in posters around campus," Jorgensen said.

Jorgensen said Facebook was mainly a communication tool to keep in touch with her friends across the nation.

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## Looking back to 'good old days' of fashion columns

You always hear the older generations talking about how "such-and-such was only yesterday," "the good old days" and "back in the day." But every year goes by faster and faster, and I'm starting to relate to that kind of talk, which frankly scares me, but that in itself is another topic, and I think I'll spare you for now.

My time here at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Never-ending Opportunity, has been far too short, and now it's almost over. I'm on to the next chapter of my life, and I'm still feeling like I haven't learned everything I need to learn, haven't had every experience, haven't taken every opportunity.

Now I stand at the face of new opportunity. I have grown more in the last five years than I could ever even begin to grasp myself, let alone try to describe in words to you. This silly little fashion column has helped

me find a voice - my voice - and it's hard to reflect on something you haven't quite let go of in your own mind.

Sure, fashion is a frivolous subject to be cut in case of breaking news, squeezed on the last page or laughed at by many. But you read it, do you not? It encompasses so many aspects of our daily lives without our even realizing it.

I owe much to this "frivolous" topic; it let me share my creative energy with you. It brought me to a close-knit community of writers and helped me find my own little corner in a monster commuter university.

So in true retrospect style I want to take this moment in before looking back in hindsight. I want to thank you for reading what I have to say. I want

to thank you more for thinking about what I have to say enough to form your own opinion. And to those of you who e-mailed me and posted comments on the Web site, I

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want to thank you tremendously.

The first time I received a negative comment on my story there was this adrenaline rush. They hate me! I was horrified. The next comment I got about being shallow, or disagreeing with, well, basically just me, spurred the

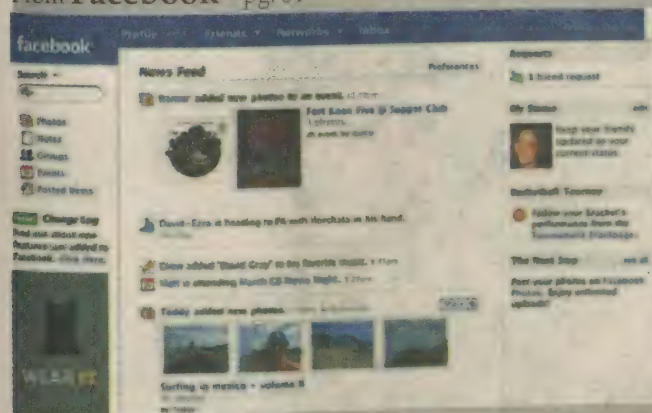
same rush but a different reaction. I was getting to these people. My words were being read by other people who actually cared enough to let me know. I owned that feeling of power, and I loved it.

So, in retrospect it is you who helped me find my voice, my passion

for words, and my confidence. Sure, I told you about shoes and gave you style for the times, but you were the real teacher; you were the ones who gave me my style for life!

- Alex May

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courtesy facebook.com

However, Facebook may have more to it than questionable photographs and pokes. Recent reports of university officials around the country using Facebook to catch students violating campus policies raised concerns about privacy among many of its users.

Kent Lavene, judicial officer of student affairs, said Facebook has been used

in disciplinary situations for UNO, but declined to comment further.

Campus Security Assistant Manager Paul Kosel said his department had not used Facebook as a crime-busting tool, a practice that he said is not uncommon on larger campuses.

- Taylor H. Muller

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Congratulations! All your hard work and perseverance has paid off. We wish all of you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

The Faculty and Staff would also like to welcome to the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice all newly admitted students to UNO. If you have already decided to major in criminal justice we look forward to meeting you soon. If you have not yet decided what major to pursue we hope you consider an enticing course of study within the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice that offers outstanding career opportunities!

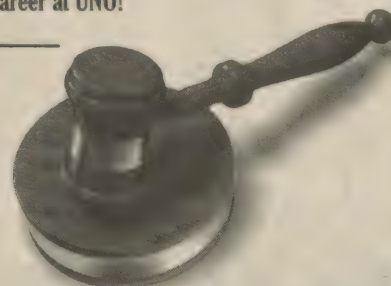
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## Fourth consecutive 8-3 season spells third straight NCC title for Mav football team



Michelle Bishop

For the graduating seniors of the UNO football team, their careers were nothing if not consistent: Consistently excellent.

The Mavericks closed out their fall campaign 8-3 for the fourth year in a row and added a third-straight North Central Conference banner to the rafters of Sapp Fieldhouse.

While some programs might see this as cause for celebration, Coach

Pat Behrns sees it as a call to arms.

"I guess if you judge success by winning the conference championship and being 8-3, it was pretty successful," he said. "The thing we're always looking for is the way to take that next step."

Behrns is more than happy to talk about all the good things that transpired last season for the Mavs.

Things like junior quarterback

Zach Miller slipping through the grasps of linebackers like a wet bar of soap.

Things like senior tailback Kyle Kasperbauer taking over the starting spot and averaging almost six yards a carry.

Things like senior linebackers Kenny Onatulo, Bobby Danenhauer and Antwain Woods wreaking havoc on opposing offenses that dared test the middle of the field.

Behrns is also proud of the way his team overcame the adversity of last summer's brouhaha in the UNO athletics department, especially when the attention was directed at them.

"How many college football teams go into their first meeting of the season and have to talk about a [regent] wanting to drop football? Probably none," Behrns said. "So this group being able to keep focused and keep it together, that's not bad. That's a pretty good accomplishment."

That focus led the Mavs to a string of come-from-behind wins against tough conference rivals, such as Minnesota State University-Mankato and St. Cloud State University, and a huge homecoming upset of No. 3 University of North Dakota.

However, it wasn't quite enough to get the Mavericks past the first round of the playoffs.

After the Mavs clinched a third consecutive NCC title with their regular season-ending 48-14 walloping of Central Washington, they came up short in a rematch with UND.

While the UNO gridiron gang set a handful of post-season single-game records, led by Miller's four rushing touchdowns, it wasn't enough to

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# Seniors leave lasting legacy in hockey program despite conference ranking, playoff showing

Despite a roller coaster season for UNO's hockey team, the Mavs ended with winning records of 18-16-8 overall and 13-11-4 in the conference.

The record was a step backward from the team's success last year. Following the first NCAA Tournament appearance in team history and with key players returning, including Hobey Baker finalist and senior Scott Parse, expectations for the 10th season of Maverick hockey were higher than ever.

When the Mavs earned early lopsided wins over Manitoba and Niagara, as well as ties against nationally ranked Colorado College and Alaska Anchorage, everything seemed to be on track. However, a loss to Central Collegiate Hockey Association rival Northern Michigan brought those hopes back down to earth.

After a conference-opening sweep over Western Michigan, the Mavs went on an eight-game winless streak through October and November. The streak was finally snapped with a 3-2 win over the eventual CCHA Champions, and No. 1 team in the nation for much of the year, Notre Dame.

At 4-7-4, the Mavs righted the ship with four



Michelle Bishop

wins against Bowling Green and Bentley and hard-fought but winless efforts against Yale and Princeton, putting the Mavs' overall record at an even 8-8-5 entering the winter break.

The erratic season continued for the Mavericks, opening the second half of the season with losses to Lake Superior State, and a sweep of Bowling Green at home the next week.

Then came an overtime loss to Minnesota State-Mankato, followed by a split at Ferris and a sweep of the NMU Wildcats to end the month 13-11-6.

A winless weekend

against Michigan State started another skid, including a loss and a tie at Notre Dame, before the Mavs ended the regular season with an OT winner against Ohio State to secure fifth place in the CCHA.

For the second year in a row the Mavericks swept the Bowling Green Falcons in the opening round of the CCHA playoffs. But, late-season injuries wrecked their chances for a longer post-season run. Eventual National Champion Michigan State swept the Mavs in the second round.

Ultimately, the year ended on

several high notes. Parse was named to the CCHA All-Conference Team, senior defenseman Mike Eickman was named CCHA Scholar Athlete of the Year for a second time and freshman defenseman Eddie Del Grosso was named to the CCHA All-Rookie Team. Head Coach Mike Kemp said he is very confident about the future.

"We've learned a lot this year," he said. "I think we'll have a lot to build on."

Even though their final season didn't finish like they had hoped,

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## Early exit, shooting record highlight men's basketball



Michelle Bishop

With the talent and competition in the North Central Conference getting tough here each year, seemingly every game and every season is up in the air.

All seven NCC teams experienced the inevitable highs and lows of a college basketball season and, unfortunately for the Mavericks, they reached their inverted peak at the wrong time. UNO lost eight of their last nine games, and a poor-shooting night against St. Cloud State in the first round of the NCC Tournament ended their year.

The final tally was a 12-16 record, with a 0-7 conference road mark. The season ended sooner than fans would've hoped, and so did the career

of a Maverick sharpshooter.

In his final season as a Maverick, Zac Robinson's smooth stroke from beyond the arc forced a rewrite of the record books. He now holds multiple shooting records at UNO, most notably the school record for three-pointers made in a career.

Coach Derrin Hansen is quick to point out that Robinson's silky-smooth jump shot is not the only impressive thing about his four years as a Maverick.

"Zac had to overcome two surgeries," said Hansen. "He showed up for practice to go as hard as he could everyday."

Fortunately for the Mavs, a

See **Men's B-ball** - pg. 52

## Women's basketball endures tough conference lineup, makes playoff semifinals in rematch

For the UNO women's basketball team, this season was a tale of two schedules.

In non-conference play, the Mavs stormed to a 13-3 record and, at one point, put together a seven-game winning streak.

Once they got into their league matchups, though, they had a bit of a tough time.

Playing in the ultra-competitive North Central Conference, the Mavericks suffered a number of last-minute losses and limped to a 3-9 regular-season conference record.

Still, when it counted, the UNO women managed to find some magic.

In late January, the Mavs knocked off then No. 8 Augustana 79-71 to halt their 20-game win streak, and just over a month later they beat the Vikings again to make it to the second

round of the NCC tournament.

Leading the Mavericks were seniors Karen Thies and Ashley Freerksen. Thies held the top spot in scoring, with 17.1 points per game, and rebounding, with six a game. Meanwhile, Freerksen was second in both categories with 12.4 points and 5.1 boards respectively.

Thies ended her remarkable UNO career 11th on the all-time scoring list and earned her third-straight selection to the All-NCC team.

The breakout performance of the year was by freshman Alyssa Green. Playing in all 28 games, Green averaged 10.6 points, 3.6 rebounds and a team-high 3.8 assists to earn the NCC freshman of the year award.



- Jason Glenn

Patrick Doty



## Rigorous schedule creates chemistry for Mav baseball



Michelle Bishop

It was absent of picnics and snapshots, filled instead with smelly

bus seats and a constant view of cows and cord. It's the kind of road trip only a Division II baseball team from the Midwest would volunteer for.

Peppered along the wet journey was the reason the Mavericks suffered the trip: Baseball. Twenty-two games in 27 days, most of which were played against quality competition, few of which were played in good weather, all of which were played away from home.

The Mavericks went 9-13 on this trip, with a disappointing sweep at Washburn to end the journey.

"We got a lot of new guys this year," noted Head Coach Bob Herold. "We needed to play these [road] games to get to know each other a little bit."

When the Mavs finally came home,

they were able to squeeze in their first outside practice all season, and it has paid off. At press time they were 4-0 at home, outscoring their opponents 33-15 at the Ball Park at Boys' Town.

"It's kind of a lame excuse, but I think it was very important for us to practice outside," said sophomore shortstop Evan Porter. "Everyone's starting to hit the ball really well now."

As far as hitting goes, none are belting it quite like Porter, who at press time boasted a .337 batting average along with a team-leading 20 RBIs.

Sophomore Tyler Cloyd is the ace of the pitching staff with a 1.89 ERA in 7 starts.

More bad weather in Omaha

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## Softball team's first half of season a wild ride

The UNO Maverick softball team spent most of their season riding the Orient Express.

Not the train in the West, but the roller coaster in Kansas City. Spinning, flipping and rolling: the Mavs have shown glimpses of brilliance, but still have room for improvement.

"We have been struggling getting runs for our pitchers," said Coach Jeanne Scarpello. "We're one big inning away from being there."

At press time, the Mavs held an overall record of 13-8 and a 3-1 record in the North Central Conference.

The ground-laying crew of Kellyn Kramolisch and Alison Jergensen have provided a lot of scoring opportunities for the Mavs this season, with on-base percentages of .348 and .338 respectively.

Junior Leslie Svoboda is announcing her presence as the

big stick, leading her team with 3 homers and 16 RBIs.

Cheris Kuster has been the unmovable rock holding down the Maverick pitching staff.

By mid-season,

Kuster boasted a 7-2 record to pad a 1.36 ERA. Taren Kirk has also pitched well for the Mavs, holding opponents to a stingy .183 batting average.

UNO has had some difficulties in the field, and with several rainouts it has been hard for them



Michelle Bishop

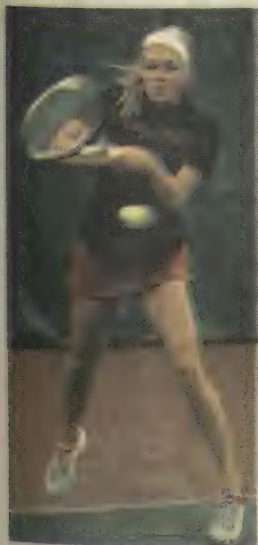
to get into a rhythm on defense.

However, once the Mavs come together on defense, the roller coaster they are riding should flatten out a bit, with the cruise of the home stretch in their sites.

- Thomas Gilmore



## Tennis team aims for third straight NCC title



Patrick Doty

With the last two North Central Conference championships under their belts, the women of the UNO tennis team came into the season carrying a great deal of confidence.

Halfway through the season, their self-assurance seemed well founded. The Mavericks were ranked second in the region, sporting an 8-1 record on the heels of a seven-game winning streak.

Sophomore No. 1 Rachel Faulk and senior captain Maggie Russell, who played in

the No. 2 spot, led the team in both their singles match-ups and as No. 1 doubles partners.

Unfortunately, the Mavs' run came to an end when they dropped three consecutive matches to Rockhurst, Division I Drake and the No. 1 team in the region, Washburn, at the end of March.

Still, Coach Bill Nichols thinks that with the bulk of their conference schedule still remaining, the drought might be exactly what the Mavs needed for a late-season charge.

"Right now, I'm actually

quite pleased. Even though we've had a little run of a few losses here, I think those losses came at a really good time for us," said Nichols. "You learn more when you lose than when you win, that's for sure."

The coach, ever confident in his team, added that the setbacks had not diminished his goal of an NCC three-peat.

"My expectations are to repeat and defend the conference championship," said Nichols.

- Jason Glenn

## Swimmers finish second in NCC, 16th at NCAAs

After seven straight top-10 finishes in the NCAA II championships, including last year's best-ever sixth place showing, the UNO swimming and diving team came into the season with lofty aspirations.

However, with only three seniors and a host of underclassmen on the roster, they knew they faced an uphill battle against tough competition.

Ultimately, the Mavs fell short of their goal, placing 16th at the national tournament, but not before putting in an

admirable performance at the North Central Conference Championships.

Having split their season series with rival South Dakota, the Mavericks ran neck-and-neck with the Coyotes through the first three days of competition. As perennial pool power North Dakota distanced itself from the pack, the UNO swimmers kept their focus and pulled away from USD to notch a hard-earned second-place finish.

Though the Mavericks didn't crown any individual champions, they consistently had strong swims in



Jason Glenn

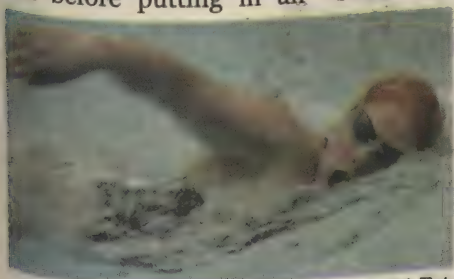
a number of events.

Sophomore Lindsey Kline led the team with second-place finishes in the 500- and 1,650-yard freestyle events and a third-place finish in the 1,000-yard freestyle. Junior Jessica Hessel was runner-up in the 100-yard butterfly and helped three Maverick relay teams

finish in the top three.

Senior Lisa Wemhoff also had a hand in three strong UNO relay teams. She anchored the 200-yard freestyle squad to a second place finish, and swam with the 400- and 800-yard freestyle relay teams that finished second as well.

- Jason Glenn



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# **Student Organizations and Leadership Programs Invites You To Get Involved On Campus**

## **Sorority Formal Recruitment**

Tuesday, Aug. 21-Saturday, Aug. 25

## **Clubs and Organizations Fair**

Thursday, Aug. 30th, 11a.m. - 1p.m.

## **Fraternity Formal Recruitment**

Monday, Aug. 4-Thursday, Aug. 7



## **Latino Heritage Month Activities**

Saturday, Sept. 15-Monday, Oct. 15

## **Student Organizations and Leadership Programs Open House**

Wednesday, Sept. 12, Noon-1p.m.

## **Homecoming Week Festivities**

Monday, Sept. 24-Saturday, Sept. 29



## **Student Government Elections**

Tuesday, Oct. 2-Wednesday, Oct. 3

## **Who's Who Reception**

Friday, Nov. 16

## **Kwanza Celebration**

Thursday, Dec. 7

## **Native American Heritage Month**

Thursday, Nov. 1-Friday, Nov. 30



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## Putting the Pieces Together

### American Multicultural Student Agency

AMS promotes awareness by weaving an understanding of and appreciation for diversity into the life of the institution.

### Gender & Sexual Orientation Agency

GSO is an advocate for awareness and understanding of gender identities and expression, and sexual orientation on campus and is a Safe Zone for all students.

### International Student Services

ISS assists international students while making their knowledge and experience available to the rest of the campus population.

### Network for disAbled Students

NdS supports disAbled students, as well as those who are not disAbled, by educating everyone on a number of topics.

### Women's Resource Center

WRC serves primarily women's concerns, both on campus and within the Omaha community.

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